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Pennsylvania's July 1, 2009 Crop Forecast

HARRISBURG, PA, July 13, 2009 - - - Based on July 1, 2009 forecast for yield and production, the Keystone state's farmers expect to produce more oats and peaches this year but less barley and winter wheat according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Oat acreage for grain, at 85,000, is up 5,000 acres from last year's harvested acres. The July 1, 2009 oat yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, remaining the same as the final yield of 2008. If realized, the resulting oat production of 4.9 million bushels will be up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat acres to be harvested for grain are expected to total 190,000, up 5,000 acres from last year. The July 1, 2009 winter wheat yield is forecast at 59.0 bushels per acre, which is unchanged from the June 1 projected yield but down from last year's final yield of 64 bushels per acre. The resulting winter wheat production of 11,210 million bushels will be down 5 percent from last year's production of 11.8 million bushels. Barley acreage for grain at 50,000 is down 5,000 acres from 2008. Barley yield is expected to be 77.0 bushels per acre this year for an expected production of 3.85 million bushels. This production is down 7 percent from last year's production of 4.13 million bushels.

Fall potatoes were planted on 10,000 acres this year, remaining steady from last year. Harvest is expected from 9,500 acres, also remaining steady from a year ago.

Peach production in Pennsylvania is expected to be 25,300 tons. This is up 19 percent from 2008.

At the United States level, oat production is forecast at 91.3 million bushels, 3 percent above last year's record low 88.6 million bushels. The expected yield for oats, forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, is up 0.5 bushels from 2008. Growers expect to harvest 1.43 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third smallest harvested area on record. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels. This is up 2 percent from last month but 18 percent below 2008. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and 3.4 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 34.8 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2009, but down 12 percent from last year. Barley production for 2009 is forecast at 203 million bushels, 15 percent below 2008. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 64.7 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last year. Expected area for harvest for grain, at 3.14 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2008.

For the United States, fall potatoes were planted on 932,900 acres this year, up slightly from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 922,700 acres, also up slightly from last year.

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